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ROLE OF INDIAN MISSIONS IN FOREIGN TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the role of Indian Missions abroad in the country`s foreign trade development;

(b) whether any review has been made by the Government to assess their performance in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the percentage of increase registered in country`s foreign trade by way of involvement of Indian Missions during 2001-02 as compared to the previous two years;

(e) the details of Indian Missions which have been found lacking in promoting the country`s trade;

(f) whether any policy change is prepared / proposed to be prepared by the Government for greater involvement of the Indian Missions; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) Indian Missions abroad provide market intelligence and other inputs into policy formulation besides providing support for various export promotion activities, such as, visits of commercial delegations, buyer-seller meets, promotional exhibitions etc.

(b) & (c) Appraisal and review of the performance of Indian Missions abroad in promoting the country`s economic interest, including export promotion, is a continuous and ongoing process.

(d) & (e) Increase in country`s foreign trade depends on several factors with the Missions abroad acting as facilitators. Any increase or decrease in foreign trade cannot be attributed to a single factor.

(f) & (g) Government has drawn up a trade facilitation charter, laying down guidelines, for Indian Missions in countries of major commercial interest to India.